

MR. BICKNELL, from the Committee on Roads and Highways, submitted the following report:  
MR. SPEAKER:

Your Committee on Roads and Highways, to whom was referred house file No. 84, a bill for an act to give county boards of supervisors the right to improve the highways in certain cases, beg leave to report that they have had the same under consideration, and have instructed me to report the same back to the house with the recommendation that it do pass.

Ordered passed on file.

A. D. BICKNELL, *Chairman*.

HOUSE FILE NO. 84.]

[BY LAKE.

## A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO GIVE COUNTY BOARDS OF SUPERVISORS THE RIGHT TO IMPROVE  
THE HIGHWAYS IN CERTAIN CASES.

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa,* That whenever any  
2 county in this state is free from debt, and has a surplus in its bridge fund, after providing for the  
3 necessary repairs of bridges in said county, then the board of supervisors of such county may, out  
4 of such surplus, make improvements on the highways, upon the petition of citizens of any town-  
5 ship in said county; but in no case shall they be authorized to run the county in debt for such  
6 improvements of the highways; and whenever they shall make such improvements they shall let  
7 the work by contract to the lowest responsible bidder, after having advertised for proposals in  
8 some newspaper printed in the county for not less than fourteen days previous to the letting of  
9 said contract.